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ABSTRACT

This book contains 15 articles on older workers and the challenges of health insurance, Social Security, retirement, job loss, and working until older ages. Following an introduction by the editors, the articles are organized in five sections that also include commentaries on the articles. The following are included in Section 1, "Charting the Landscape: What Risks Do Older Workers Face?": "Health Insurance Coverage of People in the Ten Years before Medicare Eligibility" (Katherine Swartz and Betsey Stevenson); "Workers' Compensation and Older Workers" (John F. Burton, Jr. and Emily A. Spieler); "Unemployment Compensation and Older Workers" (Christopher J. O'Leary and Stephen A. Wandner); "Getting Older in the 21st Century" (Mark V. Nadel); and "Social Insurance and the Older Worker" (Robert Haveman). Section 2, "Job Loss: Income and Health Coverage," includes: "The Effects of Job Loss on Older Workers: Employment, Earnings, and Wealth" (Sewin Chan and Ann Huff Stevens); "The Effect of a Job Loss on the Employment Experience, Benefits, and Retirement Savings of Bank Officers" (Jill S. Quadagno, David A. Macpherson, and Jennifer Reid Keene); and "Extending Health Insurance Coverage for Older Workers and Early Retirees: How Well Have Public Policies Worked?" (Karen Pollitz). Section 3, "Chronic Illness and Disability: Policy Issues for an Aging Workforce," includes: "Permanent Partial Disability from Occupational Injuries: Earnings Losses and Replacement in Three States" (Jeff E. Biddle, Leslie I. Boden, and Robert T. Reville); "How Working-Age People with Disabilities Fared over the 1990s Business Cycle" (Richard V. Burkhauser, Mary C. Daly, and Andrew J. Houtenville); and "Health, Disability, and the Aging Workforce from the Employer's Perspective" (Bruce G. Flynn). Within Section 4, "Is Working Longer and Retiring Later Possible?" are: "Retirement Trends and Policies To

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Encourage Work among Older Americans" (Gary Burtless and Joseph F. Quinn); "Employer Perspective on Retirement Trends and Policies To Encourage Work among Older Americans" (Anna M. Rappaport); and "Living Longer, but Able to Work?" (Glenn Pransky). Section 5, "Filling Gaps in Health Coverage: Sharing Responsibility and Costs," contains "Policy Options for Filling Gaps in the Health Insurance Coverage of Older Workers and Early Retirees" (Len M. Nichols). The book is indexed by cited authors and by subject. (KC)

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